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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 48-78 are pending.

Claims 1-31 were originally filed. In Office actions of August 16, 2005 and January 6, 2006, the examiner identified claims 6, 7, 11-14, and 29 as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In a response mailed March 17, 2006, claims 1-31 were canceled in favor of claims 32-47. Claims 1-31 were re-submitted in a continuation application (U.S. Application No. 11/365,027, filed February 28, 2006).

In an Office action mailed April 21, 2006, a restriction requirement was imposed for the reason that claims 32-47 were deemed to be drawn to an invention different from the invention recited in claims 1-31.

In response, claims 32-47 have been canceled herein, and will be submitted in the pending and still unexamined U.S. Application No. 11/365,027 by way of a preliminary amendment.

Originally filed claims 1-31 are reintroduced herein as appended claims 48-78. It is noted that previously allowable claims 6, 7, 11-14, and 29 correspond to appended claims 53, 54, 58-61, and 76 which are also believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

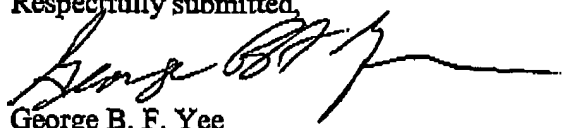
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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